Baseball team still unbeaten

The Raider varsity baseball team remained undefeated last week, scoring their second and third victories of this season in games against Prince Edward and Cumberland.

The Raiders fell behind early in Tuesday's game against Prince Edward and had to play catch-up ball. Prince Edward scored three in their half of the first, and the Raiders pecked away at that lead until they overcame Prince Edward in the fourth inning, 4-3.

In the fifth inning, Tim Bennett hit a home run with two runners on to ice the game. The Raiders added another run in the seventh inning to record the 7-4 victory.

Bennett had four RBIs and Jody Williams had one (Williams went two for three at the plate including a double) for Raiders.

Tim Bennett was awarded the win in relief of starting pitcher Greg Mayberry.

The Raiders garnered six hits during the game and recorded two errors.

Appomattox had an easier time against Cumberland, who fell 14-3 to the Raider attack.

The Raiders scored four runs in the first inning, two on a home run by Rodney Bryant. Appomattox added two in the second inning, and scored in every inning thereafter except the sixth. Tim Bennett pitched the first four innings, allowed one run and two hits and was credited with the win.

M. J. House finished the game in relief.

"Jody Williams had a big day at the plate," according to Coach Howard Clabough. Williams hit three singles and recorded five runs batted in for the Raiders. Others having a good day at the plate against Cumberland were Keith Mann with three RBIs, Bennett with two RBIs, and Rodney Bryant, with two RBIs.

"We started showing some signs of aggressive play in the Cumberland game, Clabough commented. "We also had seven stolen bases in that game.

The coach added that the team's hitting seems to be "coming around," and that the pitching is showing some improvement.

The Raiders were scheduled to play Prince Edward again Tuesday, then travel to Buckingham Friday at 7:30 p.m. Monday the Raiders will play Rustburg away, and next Thursday, the Raiders will travel to Altavista for a 4 p.m. game.

WAY TO GO, RAIDERS! Shown above are the Appomattox County High School Varsity Cheerleaders, 1981-1982 Basketball season. Front row (l to r) Co-captains Jane Harding and Kim Maxwell. Back row (l to r) Sylvia Trent, Sandra Watkins, Joanie Canada, Renee Wells, Lisa Puckett and, Eileen O'Donnell. The Raider basketball team closed the season with a 13-9 record and fourth place in the district. Photo by Joe Vaughan.

Softball team wins 2 straight

The Raiderette softball team won both their games last week, following the previous week's season-opening loss to Heritage.

Tuesday's game was an easy 27-2 victory over Prince Edward, in which the Raiderettes recorded 13 hits, including two doubles, two triples, and a home run.

The Raiderettes jumped into a 6-0 lead in the first inning and never trailed during the game.

Lolita Preston went three for six at the plate, drove in two runs, hit a double, and stole five bases. Kim Carter drove in two runs as well, stole three bases and hit a home run. Kim Hancock hit a triple, stole four bases and got one RBI. Angie Murray also hit a triple and drove in two runs for the Raiderettes.

"It was a good defensive game," commented Raiderette Coach Mary Tolley after the game. "We only committed two errors."

The coach noted that the Raiderettes' hitting showed improvement against Prince Edward, and that the girls' baserunning was a highlight of the game. The team recorded a total of 22 stolen bases.

The Raiderettes had another field day at the plat against Jefferson Forest, in a game which Appomattox won 27-5.

The Raiderettes recorded 23 hits in the game, including four by Preston (four RBIs), three by Hancock (three RBIs), two by Carter (four RBIs), three by Jacquetta Booker (one RBI), two by Vicky Cheatham (two RBIs) and two by Janet Thomas (three RBIs).

The Raiderettes recorded only five errors during the game, while collecting three doubles and two triples enroute to the second victory of their season.

"We hit the ball well against Forest," said Tolley, "and our defense is improving greatly." The coach noted that the girls are apparently playing with more confidence since the season-opening loss to Heritage.

She noted that the girls played particularly well considering the cold weather conditions, including "even some snow."

The Raiderettes, now sporting a 2-1 record, were scheduled to play Prince Edward Tuesday and Altavista Thursday at home.

Friday the girls are scheduled to play Buckingham at home, and Monday the girls will play Rustburg at home.

At ACHS

Girls' tennis warms up

Four returning players form the nucleus of this year's girls' tennis team, according to Coach Lucy Harris.

Susan George and Rhonda Jaggars, both seniors, will occupy the one and two spots, respectively, in the opening match of the season. Behind them on the ladder are juniors Patty Roach and Laurie Cowan, occupying the numbers three and four spots on the team this season.

Junior Renee Wells, and freshmen Ann Caldwell, Sally Coleman, Michelle Ford, and Page McGrath form the remainer of the team. Wells and the four freshmen are all new players, according to Harris.

"We have more talent than ever on this year's team," according to Coach Harris. "Particularly the younger players; for freshmen, they are very good players," the coach added.

The girls were scheduled to play Altavista at home this Friday, and Rustburg at home Monday.

Harris says she is confident that this year's girls' tennis team will show steady improvement throughout the season.

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Golfers win match

The Raider golf team defeated Jefferson Forest Monday, after losing to powerful Altavista in the first match of the season last week.

Senior Richard Guill was medalist Monday, shooting a 37 (one over par) on the nine-hole course. Behind Guill were sophomore Bobby Carter (43), and seniors Mike Richardson (49) and John Elder (51).

The Raiders defeated Jefferson Forest 180-193.

Steve Phillips and Bruce Harris were the leading Forest golfers, recording totals of 43 and 44, respectively, on the nine-hole course at Ivy Hill.

With Guill, Carter, Richardson and Elder on this year's golf team are seniors Ron Carter and Lester Hodges, and sophomore Chris Tolley.

"We're trying to improve progressively throughout the season and have everything ready in time for the district tournament," says golf Coach Coty Dickerson. "We need to gain some experience during the season," the coach adds. "Outside of the first three players, we have limited experience."

Dickerson notes that Guill's performance at Ivy Hill was "tremendous." The senior shot three bogeys and two birdies, and the rest par for a one-over-par score.

Raider review

By JANE GUILL

It's starting! That annual disease found only in seniors is starting to plague Appomattox County High School. Many seniors are beginning to show the symptoms of seniorities "I'm ready to graduate," exclaimed John Elder.

Senioritis is found in seniors who are beginning to get excited about graduation, and really don't feel like doing any work. The symptoms are easy to recognize, laziness and a strong desire to be outside of school. "I know I have seniioritis," said William Thornton, "I'm getting lazy, and I don't want to do anything."

Gloria Ferguson is a prime example of a senior suffering with the disease. Everyday in trigonometry she writes on the blackboard how many days of school are left. "I'm counting the days to graduation," explained Gloria.

Susan Johnson also admitted she has senioritis, I think I have it because I know the end is near and I'm tired of school," said Susan. "I can't wait to go to the beach," said Shawn Harvey.

It's only natural that the seniors are becoming anxious. At the last senior meeting, many plans were made. The seniors voted to go to Kings Dominion for their senior trip on April 16. The remainder of the money made in fund raising events, will be used for the senior banquet that will be held at Holiday Inn in Lynchburg, early in June. Baccalaureate will be the Sunday before graduation, June 6, and of course graduation will be June 11. Gloria says it is only 50 days left!

There is also another disease going around school that affects everyone; seniors, underclass men, and teachers. Spring is here and along with it comes spring fever. Now during lunch, the sidewalks are crowded with students sitting outside enjoying the sun. Many students have started playing frisbee before school and during lunch.

Many teachers have been spotted enjoying the nice weather by sitting on the benches on the concourse during lunch, and their planning periods.

Sharon Davis is one student who has caught the fever. "I want to get outside, I'm sick of sitting in school," said Sharon.

"I'm ready for a break from schoolwork," said Laura Walton.

Derwin Harvey claimed that the hasn't caught spring fever yet, but he is expecting it in a few weeks. Those students who haven't caught spring fever or senioritis, will probably develop it after the Easter vacation, April 9 and 12.

So in case you visit ACHS, and you happen to glance into a classroom, and you notice a student gazing out of the window with a hopeful look in their eye, don't worry it is either a senior with senioritis, or a student with spring fever, and June 12 for underclassmen and teachers.

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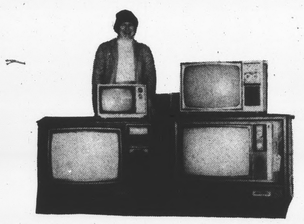

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4-H contest slated

By FRANK H. SWEET
Extension Agent

The Annual 4-H Presentation Contest (formerly Demonstrations/Illustrated Talks) will be held this Saturday morning, April 3 beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Appomattox Elementary School. 4-H Presentations provide the members with an opportunity to plan, organize and present a topic dealing with a variety of 4-H project areas. Winners in Saturday's program will have the opportunity to represent Appomattox in an area contest in Rustburg on April 17.

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Laura Walton is one of eight Virginia 4-H'ers attending the National 4-H Conference in Washington D.C. this week. 4-H'ers from all fifty states participate in this outstanding national, 4-H event which is headquartered at the National 4-H Center. The expense paid trip to the 4-H Conference is an award based on 4-H Achievement Records. Senior members may submit Achievement Records each year based on their total involvement in 4-H. Achievement Records will be due in July of 1982.

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Virginia 4-H'ers will have the opportunity to participate in an exchange program with Japan during the summer of 1982. Under the LABO Program, approximately 30-40 Virginia 4-H'ers aged 12-19 will travel to Japan during the period July 19-August 19. The program is designed to be an educational and enjoyable experience. Total cost is estimated to run about $1850.00. Interested families may contact the Extension Office for applications and further details.

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The new swimming pool at Holiday Lake 4-H Camp is well underway with a completion date of May 15 anticipated. 4-H'ers will receive camp applications during their April meetings. Families who have questions regarding the camping program at Holiday Lake are urged to contact the Extension Office. Appomattox 4-H'ers will attend camp during the week of July 5-9.

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Thanks to Mrs. Debbie Hackney of Pamplin and Mrs. Janet Morgan of Appomattox who coordinated the 4-H Presentation Workshops at Pamplin Elementary School and Appomattox Elementary School during the past week. Also thanks to the many teenage 4-H'ers who assisted the younger 4-H'ers during the workshops.

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By TOM CONRAD

Acreage Reduction, Reserve Programs Important - Current market conditions do not favor farmers. They have it within their powers to change these conditions.

Weak economic activity and large harvests continue to dominate the farm economy and have caused lower grain prices. Farmers can reverse this trend through the feed grain and wheat acreage reduction programs and the grain reserve.

If farmers use the 1982 feed grain and wheat programs and participate in the grain reserve, they can reduce their grain crop and remove millions of bushels of grain from the marketplace.

If enough farmers participate in these programs, farm prices will go up. The programs are voluntary; no one is forced to participate. But farmers must understand clearly that if they decide not to participate in the acreage reduction programs, they will not be eligible for price support loans; they will not be eligible for target prices; and they will not be eligible for the reserve program.

A 10 percent acreage reduction program is in effect for 1982 feed grains and a 15 percent reduction for wheat. The loan rates for reserve grain are also higher than for regular loans.

Both programs are important for strengthening the farm economy. Without a cutback in production, the supplies of grain will continue to depress the market even with the reserve. And without a reserve, acreage reductions alone cannot quickly reduce the supply available to the market and relieve the low prices.

Farmers who want higher grain prices are encouraged to make full use of the loan program, participate in the acreage reduction programs to cut production and lower input costs, and to put as much of their 1981 and 1982 grain into the reserve program as possible to isolate it from the marketplace.

ASCS began accepting program applications on February 16. The signup period will end April 16.

ASCS says pre-measure, then plant spring crops - Before planting spring crops covered under the 1982 acreage reduction programs and tobacco program, it is very important that farmers consider obtaining pre-measurement of their acreages.

At the request of the farmers, we will measure, reference and mark out fields with stakes prior to planting. The pre-measured acreage is guaranteed and it is important in helping farmers plan and know exactly how much is planted.

To be assured of program compliance, farmers are required to plant within the stakes that are placed when the land is measured. After planting, they are required to report their crop acreages to ASCS.

We began accepting pre-measurement service request in February. Other producer services include measuring total cropland, field or subdivisions to be planted and land areas for other purposes. Fees vary, based on the type of service rendered.

Farmers who request pre-measurement will avoid unnecessary worry over the loss of 1982 farm program benefits. To request the service, call or visit the ASCS office.

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Difference in Net Cash Returns on Alfalfa Hay Over Corn (Per Acre)

Corn Price $/bushel	Alfalfa Price, $/Ton 75.00	90.00	105.00	120.00
	Net difference - Alfalfa over Corn			
2.50	42.50	112.50	180.00	247.50
2.75	20.00	87.50	155.00	222.50
3.00	-2.50	65.00	132.50	200.00
3.25	-25.00	42.50	110.00	177.50
3.50	-47.50	20.00	87.50	155.00

Now, let's take 30 bushel soybean land and assume a cash cost of $120.00 per acre for planting and harvesting, using the same costs and yield for alfalfa as in the first example. Figures in the following chart show that the hay crop provides a greater return at all but 3 of the price levels.

Difference in Net Cash Return of Alfalfa Hay over Soybeans (Per Acre)

Soybean Price $/Bushel	Alfalfa Price, $/Ton 75.00	90.00	105.00	120.00
	Net Difference-Alfalfa over Soybeans			
6.00	$27.50	$95.00	$162.50	$280.00
6.50	12.50	80.00	147.50	215.00
7.00	-2.50	65.00	132.50	200.00
7.50	-17.50	50.00	117.50	185.00
8.00	-32.50	35.00	102.50	170.00

Although the comparison looks good, be sure that you have good, solid answers to the earlier questions before starting out.

Here's a plus--the hay crop is preferred as a soil conserving crop to either corn or soybeans.

I failed to report the results of the Junior Bull and Heifer Sale at Red House on March 6. The top selling bull brought $7,000 and the top female went for $1,325.

The 24 Angus bulls averaged $1259; Two Red Angus $680, 10 Polled Herefords averaged $880 and 5 Simmental $837. The 41 bulls averaged $1,087.

The 33 heifers averaged $710. By breed they sold as follows: 5 Polled Hereford $634; 1 Simmental $700; and 27 Angus $699.

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Is alfalfa hay a possible cash crop for you? You'll need to "pencil out" your cost to really know. Do you have the equipment to make a quality product? Are storage facilites available? The basic question may be, do you have a market or can you develop one?

Here are figures that you might use as a starting place. If you have land that will produce 90 bushels of corn and/or 4.5 tons of hay, and assuming that the cash expenses, including harvesting, are $180.00 per acre for corn and $250.00 for alfalfa, you may be surprised at the profit potential.

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